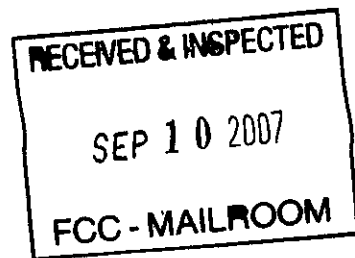


NEW HOPE TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE

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**RE: Certification of Support for Rural High -Cost Carrier Pursuant to 47 C.F.R.
Sections 54.313-314, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 00-256**

Enclosed you will find the USF Self-Certification Letter for New Hope Telephone Cooperative, SAC 190239. After your review, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (540) 363-5277.

Sincerely,

**NEW HOPE
TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE**

Thomas F. Crickenberger
President

Enclosures

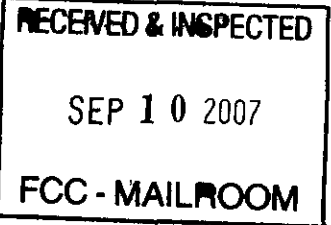
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AFFIDAVIT OF THOMAS F. CRICKENBERGER IN SUPPORT
OF NEW HOPE TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE'S USE OF
FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT
SAC 190239

STATE OF VIRGINIA

COUNTY OF AUGUSTA



I, Thomas F. Crickenberger, declare as follows:

1. I am employed by New Hope Telephone Cooperative as its President. I am an officer of New Hope Telephone Cooperative and am authorized to give this affidavit on its behalf. This affidavit is being given to support certification of the use of federal universal service funds for 2008 as required by 47 C.F.R. [§ 54.313/ § 54.314].

2. Under 47 C.F.R [§ 54.313/ §54.314], the Company is required to submit an annual certification to the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC) and the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC"), certifying that rural incumbent local exchange carriers and/or eligible telecommunications carriers serving lines in the service area of a rural incumbent local exchange carrier within the Commonwealth of Virginia will use federal high-cost universal service support in a manner consistent with section 254 (e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act"), 47 U.S.C. § 254 (e). Absent such certification, such carriers will not receive universal service support. In order for carriers to receive federal support beginning January 1 of each year, the Commission's certification must be filed with the FCC and the USAC by October 1 of the preceding year.

3. New Hope Telephone Cooperative hereby certifies that the federal high-cost universal service support New Hope Telephone Cooperative will receive in 2008 will be used for the services and functionalities outlined in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101 (a), and that it will only use the federal high-cost support it receives for the provision, maintenance and upgrading facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with section 254(e) of the Act.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Thomas F. Crickenberger
Thomas F. Crickenberger

Title: President

NEW HOPE TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of AUGUST, 2007.

Timothy M. Harris NOTARY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 108017
Notary Public

My commission expires MAY 31, 2009.